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C. C. BESTOR.

Governor Leedy.

The Pops are in full control.

It is Chief Justice Foster now. Look out for some innovations in supreme court decisions.

W. D. Street was chosen speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives. He is generally considered one of the best selections the Populists could have made.

Ben Rich was turned down for chief clerk of the house. If Ben don't get some pop pie he will jump the bull pen fence of populism into some other party. Mark the prophecy.

Boise Penrose will succeed Cameron as senator from Pennsylvania. The Cameron dynasty originated in Pennsylvania in 1857 and has perhaps held political power longer than any other family in the United States.

While John Wanamaker, the merchant prince and big Sunday school man of Philadelphia, is not employed in his usual vocations he may be found hunting the scalps of Matt Quay and his followers by whom the dry goods magnate was defeated for U. S. senator.

Just how the interests of western Kansas will be promoted by Representative Lawson's vote for Ed. Weiler, of Cherokee county, for speaker of the state legislature is not apparent at this writing. Weiler lives in the southeast corner of the state and while nearly every other western Kansas representative was working for a western man for speaker, Lawson was wasting his vote on a man who has no interest in or knowledge of the needs of the short grass country.

January 8th was celebrated in several large cities as "Jackson Day," that date being the 82nd anniversary of the General, afterwards President, Jackson's memorable victory over the British forces at New Orleans, after

the close of the "War of 1812." The peculiar thing about the observation this month is that two wings of the party, diametrically opposed to each other, claim to be following the footsteps of the same idol of demagogues. Judging from the records which Jackson made as president and from his rigid enforcement of law and his due respect for honesty, his spiritual benefactors are upon the sound money, law respecting wing of his party represented by Cleveland and his followers.

Kansas Populists must be credited with fertile political genius if the hatching of schemes to raise campaign funds can be attributed to political genius. The latest is the registry of all candidates for appointive state officers with the incidental accompaniment of a registry fee which is to go into the party coffers. Pretty soon they will assess the outgoing Republicans and refuse to let them give up their jobs until the assessments are paid. When the Kansas Populists omit to turn a political penny it will be equally salting for prairie schooners—Omaha Bee.

The editor of the Hugoton, Hermes away out on the frontier, is a man who not only stands up for his country, but also has a poetic soul, as is indicated by the following remarks: "The man who has never lived through one of our winters nor tasted the delights of a western Kansas spring or autumn; who has not even enjoyed the halcyon bliss of one of our long summers, might pass over these broad plains and look in pity down upon the poor deluded denizens of a seeming barren waste. But he who has tasted the sweets of life where to merely exist is happiness; where keen appetite makes the simplest repast a feast fit for the gods; where to breathe is ecstasy, looks upon those who dwell elsewhere as self-inflated martyrs to wilful blindness or sordid devotees at

the shrine of Mammon. He who but passes by, and in passing judges that this land must be given over to eternal hush of utter desolation, whose awful stillness will be broken only by the lowing herds of wandering cattle or the uncanny cry of the coyote, misjudges the land and its people. And when he is tempted to write his wrongful impression and give them wide publicity he places additional obstacles in a pathway already hindered with stumbling blocks and sharpened prickles. But inspired by that hope which "springs eternal in the human breast," with unwavering faith in his prowess to subdue, the pioneer will work out his destiny here and with it give to succeeding generations a broad domain of surpassing fertility."

We have been asked if the legislature would be likely to continue the appropriation for irrigation. To be frank about it, unless the incoming administration has three men in mind who want places and who have pulled enough with the legislature to get another appropriation worked through, we don't believe any appropriation will be made. The irrigation bill appropriation may have done some good and demonstrated something of general value. If so the general public hasn't found it out and hasn't appreciated it. It occurred to us when the law was passed that under its provisions the appropriation would be practically thrown away, and we have seen no reason to change our mind. There were a few things that everybody knew before the irrigation law was passed. They knew, for instance, that if a hole was dug to water and a pump put in that water could be pumped out of that hole. We might remark further that they knew this, yet nothing in the irrigation bill or in the manner of expending the appropriation has shaken the public confidence in those two great facts. There were a few things connected with irrigation that the people didn't know and wanted to find out. One was in what locality in western Kansas water could be depended on in wells. Another was how deep they would likely have to go, and, lastly, how much it would cost per acre to furnish water for irrigation out of wells of different depths. If they could get the information as to where water could be found on the highlands in western Kansas; how deep it was; what it would cost to dig the well, put in the pump, build the reservoir and do whatever was necessary to begin irrigation, how much it would cost to pump water to irrigate an acre, two acres, five acres, etc., out of a fifty-foot well, hundred-foot well, or one hundred and fifty foot well, they would then know whether or not it would pay to try irrigating with a pump in any given locality. As it is the state has spent \$30,000 and demonstrated that in some places water can be found in wells in western Kansas. They don't know how much it will cost per acre to pump water, say from a hundred foot well. We are not here to criticize the irrigation committee. It was the fault of the law.—Mail and Breeze.

"There are several kinds of hold-ups," says the Powhattan fat woman in the Fairview Courier, "and while I think some of them ought to be prohibited there are others that ought to be encouraged. The man that holds up his town and works for its advantage and does everything he can to advance its interests and induce good people to locate there is just the kind of a hold up that I am stuck on. A town that is not held up by its citizens soon drops from view of the public and people go there like they go to the cemetery—only when they have to. The buildings soon begin to look dilapidated, the people, what few remain, are a sleepy, sluggish looking layout and even the dogs sneak around with their tails tucked between their

legs without energy enough to bark at strangers. The sidewalks fly up and skin your shins when you step on them and seem to resent your intrusion. The town has that peaceful repose generally supposed to be found only in the grave, and hard times seem to have a hold of the slack of its pants with a down-hill pull that will soon land it in the gulf of oblivion. The town that is held up by its citizens shows neatly painted buildings, good sidewalks and everything denotes life and prosperity and goesadventiveness, people hold up their heads when you speak to them and there is a genial air about everyone and everything that is inviting to a stranger, and if he is looking for a home the chances are that he will stake out a claim right there. If you have a good school hold it up. Hold up for your merchants and don't try to put on style by going to some other town to do your trading. Hold up your head and tell the world that 'we are the people and must be respected.' Hold up your town on all occasions. If it needs a bank or a railroad, or anything else, get out and hustle for it and don't sit around with a lip on you like a motherless colt and throw cold water on the enthusiasm of others. Don't be a mouse or a long tail rat, but be a man or else pull your freight and make room for some one who will not be a drawback. Wake up and go to work and let the people know you are alive. Get a move on you and the town will commence to move, and instead of you having to hold up the town, the town will hold you up, your property will increase in value, your business will grow and you can look back with pride and pat yourself on the back and feel that you were one of the main guys that supported the whole business in its infancy."

Mistakes of Youth.

Idiot, my boy, methought I heard you speak of your sire this morning as the old man. You are 18 years of age are you not? Just so. That is the age when callow youth has first attack of big head. You imagine at this moment that you know it all. I observe by the cut of your trousers and the angle of your hat and the flavor of your breath and the swagger of your walk that your badly stuck on yourself. This is an error of your youth which your uncle can overlook, but it pains me sorely to hear you speak in terms of disrespect of one you should never mention save by the sacred name of father. He may not be up to your style in the modern art of making a fool of himself, out, ten to one he forgets more in a week than you will ever know. He may not enjoy smoking gutter snipes, chopped fine and enclosed in delicate tissue paper but he has borne a good many hard knocks for your sake and is entitled to all the reverence your shallow brain can muster.

By and by, after you are through knowing it all and begin to learn something you will be ashamed to look in a glass and wonder where the fool killer kept himself when you were ripe for the sacrifice. And then when the "old man" grows tired of the journey and stops to rest and you fold his hands across his bosom and take a last look at the face that has grown beautiful in death you will feel a sting of regret that you ever spoke of him in so grossly a manner; and when you hear other young sprouts of imbecility using the language that so delighted you in the germinal period of manhood, you will feel like chasing them with a sled stake and crushing their skulls to see if there is any brain tissue on the inside.—Exchange.

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